

**Remarks**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-49 are pending in the application, that claims 1-8, 16, 23, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34-36, 38-42 and 44-49 are rejected, but that claims 9-15, 17-22, 24, 26, 28-30, 33, 37 and 43 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, claims 9, 15, 17, 18, 24, 26, 28-30, 33, 37, 43 and 45 have been amended, and claims 1-8, 16, 23, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34-36, 38-42, 44 and 46-49 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 9-15, 17-22, 24, 26, 28-30, 33, 37, 43 and 45 are pending in the application.

***In the Drawings***

Applicant has changed the designation "Related Art" to "Prior Art" in Figures 2-5 as requested by the Examiner. A replacement set of drawings is attached.

***In the Specification***

Applicant has corrected a typographical error noted by the Examiner and shortened the Abstract.

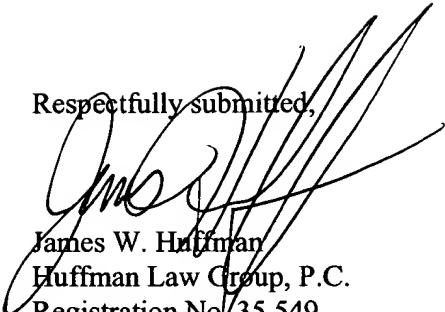
***In the Claims***

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9-15, 17-22, 24, 26, 28-30, 33, 37, 43 and 45 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9-15, 17-22, 24, 26, 28-30, 33, 37, 43 and 45 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant earnestly requests the examiner to telephone him at the direct dial number printed below if the examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning the application.

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